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AMB MOYNIHAN'S TRIBUTE AT BARNES SERVICES

TEXT FOLLOWS OF "PANEGYRIC" BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AT SERVICES
FOR LATE AMB NATHAN BARNES IN NEW YORK JULY 18:

FRIENDS:

I ADDRESS YOU ALL AS "FRIENDS" ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY
PRESENT WHOM I HAVE NOT HAD THE HONOR TO MEET. I DO SO BECAUSE
OUR PRESENCE HERE MEANS THAT EACH OF US WAS A FRIEND OF
NATHAN BARNES. NATHAN WAS A MAN WHOM GOD ENDOWED WITH THE
GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP: NOT ONLY THE GIFT OF FRIENDLINESS, BUT THE
TRUE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP. HE GAVE HIS FRIENDSHIP SO UNRESERVEDLY
THAT HE RECEIVED IN RETURN THE FRIENDSHIP OF ALL. NATHAN BARNES
HAD NO ENEMIES. TO LACK ENEMIES IS A RARE THING, BUT EVEN RARER
IS THE MAN OF WHOM IT CAN BE SAID, HE HAD ONLY FRIENDS.

NATHAN BARNES BECAME MY FRIEND ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO, WHEN
I SERVED AS A MEMBER OF MY COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE 26TH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I FOUND IN HIM A GOOD COMPANION AND A WISE
COUNSELOR. I HEARD A GREAT DEAL SAID ABOUT HIM THAT YEAR.
I HEARD NOT A WORD SAID AGAINST HIM.

I AM PROFOUNDLY DISTRESSED, AS I REJOIN THE UNITED
NATIONS COMMUNITY THAT I SHALL BE DEPRIVED OF THE FRIENDSHIP
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AND SOUND ADVICE I WOULD HAVE RECEIVED FROM NATHAN BARNES.

IT IS SMALL CONSOLATION, BUT A HIGH HONOR FOR ME TO OFFER THIS
BRIEF PANEGYRIC TO HIS MEMORY.

OTHERS WILL RECALL HIS VIRTUES AS A SON, A HUSBAND
AND A FATHER; HIS VIRTUES AS A SCHOLAR; AS A MAN OF LAW; AS
A PUBLIC SERVANT; AND AS A PATRIOT. HE WAS ALL THESE THINGS
AND MORE. HE WAS MOST ESPECIALLY A MAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
DEVOTED TO ITS TRUE PURPOSES, AND INDEFATIGABLE IN THEIR
PURSUIT.

OUR WORDS OFFER BUT LITTLE CONSOLATION TO THE BEREFT.
NONETHELESS, MRS. BARNES, YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE
SYMPATHIES OF THOSE PRESENT TODAY. SPEAKING FOR MY OWN
COUNTRY, AS MANY PRESENT COULD SPEAK FOR THEIRS, I EXTEND THE
SUMPATHIES OF PRESIDENT FORD AND OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.
I PRESUME ALSO TO SPEAK FOR THOSE MANY AMERICANS IN GOVERNMENT
AND IN PRIVATE LIFE WHO HAVE KNOWN, LOVED AND RESPECTED THIS
GOOD MAN WHO SERVED SO FAITHFULLY HIS COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD.
MOYNIHAN

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